

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRAFFIC

October 17, 2006

6:00 PM

Chairman Osborne called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Osborne, O'Neil, Shea, Roy, and Long

Chairman Osborne called for a moment of silence for Officer Michael Briggs recently lost in the line of duty.

3. Communication from Alderman Duval requesting a residential parking zone for residents on Ash Street, between Bridge and Lowell Streets, subject to certification by property owners and the Building Department.

Alderman Shea moved for discussion. Alderman Long duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Duval stated the Committee members may be aware that there continue to be problems that persist on Ash Street between Lowell and Bridge. In speaking with residents of that section of Ash Street since I started serving in January, this problem has existed for a great number of years regrettably have worsened in recent years to a point where you had students almost harassing that section of Ash Street. By blocking driveways, blaring music to the point of rattling windows and waking people up and that sort of thing. This Committee was good enough to respond by limiting parking on that section of Ash Street to two hours, which began at the start of school this year. A number of the problems have gone away at least temporarily although it does require a significant amount of police surveillance and patrolling to properly enforce the two hour limit parking during school hours. The problem is as reported to me by residents now is that a number of residents unfortunately in that area because it's an old part of the City do not have sufficient parking. There are at least several homes on that section of Ash Street that only have on-street parking. Consequently, if you have a person working the second shift, goes home at 7:00 AM, is home for the day, and parks his vehicle in the street he is more than likely is going to have a \$30 ticket on first offense should his vehicle be left on the street, where it obviously would be because it is the only place he can park it. I don't see this as a wide spread problem but only limited to

those houses that do not have off street parking. In meeting with neighbors of Ash Street I thought that we could be creative in coming up with an ordinance that would allow the issuance on that section of Ash Street for resident parking only to provide some relief to those residents who want to comply but who nonetheless need a place to park. That is the reason for the proposed request.

Chairman Osborne I would be opposed to this anyway to begin with. I still have the feeling that everybody else in that area whether it be Walnut Street or Union Street or any of the streets around the surround there are going to be wanting the same thing because if we do that then these kids have got to go somewhere, there is no doubt in my mind. It's been this way like you just mentioned for many, many years, and the people that have owned these properties on Ash Street know what the circumstances are when they bought the properties number one. Number two anybody that rents there or whatever also knows the circumstances with parking before they start paying rent. So it's kind of hard to do to one and not to the other that's just my feelings.

Alderman O'Neil addressed Alderman Duval stating I don't know if this was your intent but this is what I interpreted, that if they did not have sufficient parking it would be resident parking, so in the case if it was a single family home and I don't know if there is a single family home, it looks like a two family, and they had four parking spots they would not be eligible for resident parking.

Alderman Duval responded that's correct. Limit it to only those that are hardship by no parking at all. That would include an owner of a building, owner occupied unit, or even a tenant if you will and again the request would be submitted by the land owner and it certainly could be verified with the Assessors office or the Building Department quite easily, given the number of requests I don't imagine there is more than a handful, so it's not like we are talking inundation here.

Alderman O'Neil stated one of my concerns I don't think you said it was an enforcement problem but if it requires significant staff time to do the enforcement wouldn't that be true for resident parking as well.

Alderman Duval responded that they would be enforcing anyway because they have two hour limited parking. So they would be exempt from getting a ticket essentially if they have a sticker on the window.

Alderman O'Neil asked if he had any idea how many spaces they need to create on Ash Street for residents.

Alderman Duval responded in speaking with a handful of residents on that street the complaints have come from a handful or fewer people that would probably require this kind of permit.

Alderman Shea asked if only a handful apply now, and then after that's granted another handful applied, I'm not quite sure exactly whether there would be favoring some and not others. By that I mean once people find out that there is such a thing as permit parking obviously somebody else that probably now is able to park there but would prefer to have permit parking, do you find that would be a problem.

Alderman Duval responded the residents are pretty well organized, and in unison on the issue. The ones that have adequate parking, prefer to park in the driveways than in parking areas, but they also feel for their tenants who perhaps don't have adequate parking and are getting zinged with these tickets, so I don't anticipate this being widespread, and again it's only on the section of Ash Street that's most negatively impacted or adversely impacted by the school.

Alderman Shea stated what I would like to see is the number of people coming back and saying this number of people and then having some safeguard so that there is a closing time, that is to say it's not an open ended permit kind of deal where if the people are legitimately not able like you are saying to park there now then there should be some sort of contract or control mechanism whereby later on down the road decides well, I'm better off having a permit than not. I think that's what I am looking for, I am not against people who legitimately need a permit, but in any case there are obviously abuses, or people taking advantage of different situations, so that is what I would like to see first before we open it up Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Osborne stated if it was my ward, is the two-hour parking working or not working.

Alderman Duval stated the two hour parking with enforcement seems to be working at least so far, although the concern of the residents of the area is that is how long with the Police Department keep up that condition and time will tell hopeful the message is getting out throughout the school that abuses will not be tolerated. There has been marked improvement since the beginning of the school year. This just cleans it up further in my opinion.

Chairman Osborne stated so there is only five or six people you say that.

Alderman Duval responded that's a guesstimate, I think Alderman Shea has a valid point, we don't have an exact number. But the point is that if the committee

were to approve this and the full board approve it then you have to take the request and qualify the request to make sure the request is valid.

Chairman Osborne asked how it was before the two-hour for the five or six people, we didn't here anything from these people then.

Alderman Duval responded there was not a complaint because there wasn't limited parking.

Chairman Osborne stated that's what I'm getting at, maybe we should rescind the two hour parking and go back to unlimited parking.

Alderman Duval noted that the residents appreciated the Chairman's recommendation for the two-hour parking there has been vast improvement and to go back I think would be a huge mistake.

Alderman O'Neil asked if Alderman Duval would be uncomfortable if they tried to get a bit more information on exact numbers, I think that's where Alderman Shea was going. A little more information on it, I don't know if it would make sense traditionally it's almost forever until we figure out it wasn't that good in action but maybe we could sunset it to June or something and see how it works out. But I think a little more information might be helpful and I do share a concern of Alderman Osborne that will the requests come from other streets in the area.

Alderman Duval stated so far the only complaints that I have ever received and again it has been a short eight months have been from that section of Ash Street they really have withstood a lot of abuse, and I won't recant the stores but it is mind boggling the stories that I've heard and witnessed when I have gone down and sat and watched.

Alderman O'Neil stated I haven't gotten the calls you have but I've gotten a few and they have been from Ash Street residents.

Alderman Duval stated it seems to be a problem right there.

Chairman Osborne stated I think it is more of a problem with policing more than it is anything the way it sounds to me.

Alderman Duval stated I would be more than happy to speak with residents and try to get a number if I could of what might be the exposure to the City if we grant it.

Alderman Roy stated I just have a concern as we start looking at the difference between adequate parking and non-adequate parking. If you have a single family with two 16-year-old kids you could have a four-car household and I think we may be opening a can of worms I would like to hear back from the alderman as to who needs them. We definitely want to help correct this neighborhood issue but I just have a concern when we start saying this resident is okay but this resident is not, where we get into that fine line. A lot of the buildings on that street have parking either on Ash Street East Back or on Beech Street East Back and garages and I don't want to get into a situation that we allow one single family three cars but another single family four and start making decisions on who gets this or who doesn't I think it should either blanket the street or not blanket the street up or down one way or the other than start putting this board in a position of determining how many cars a family should own or how many tenants should park where are we getting in the middle of a landlord issue, so I'd like to hear the information from the alderman back as to how many people are affected and where he proposes the cut off be for the different properties on that street.

Alderman O'Neil asked in approving a unit of housing today is it two spaces per unit.

Commissioner LaFreniere responded it depends on the zoning district, for some of the zoning in that area it is 1 ½ per unit, and for some it would be 2.

Alderman O'Neil stated so it is at least 1 ½.

Commissioner LaFreniere responded yes.

Alderman Shea stated he could not help but compare an adequate education with adequate parking.

Chairman Osborne stated he wished to take a minute before they ceased this item and introduced Brandy Stanley, the new parking manager for the City.

Chairman Osborne requested Mr. Hoben to comment on the request as it might relate to the streets around it and what was his opinion on this, and on the two hour parking my whole thought here is that it is about the policing. I know these people don't have much to park around but it's like that in a lot of different places throughout the City.

Mr. Hoben stated I had one call from one gentleman on Ash Street and he said that he worked the late shift all night and he gets home at 9 in the morning and has no place to park. He doesn't want to use the two-hour because he's going to get a ticket if he goes to sleep. I suggested to him to use Ash Street Administration

parking lot, and he wasn't keen on that because it was too far away. My opinion is that if you grant residential parking there it is going to snowball and spread out to Walnut Street and all the surrounding streets at Central, then it's going to go to West on the west side, then the Memorial areas and I don't think there will be any end to it.

Chairman Osborne asked Ms. Stanley to address the Committee, noting that it was going to take her some time probably six months to get to know the City, from the businesses to the people in it, but asked if she had any opinion, did she have any problem like this in the last city she was in.

Ms. Stanley stated no I haven't in the last City that I was in but I actually happen to live on Walnut Street, so I am aware that if you come home anytime after 8:30 in the morning you are not going to get anyplace to park. I'm not aware, I know that there are issues around the whole neighborhood, and what Alderman Duval seems to be saying is that it seems to be worse on Ash Street. Obviously I don't have any opinion on that but it seems to me that residential parking permits would be something that would be highly desired by all the people surrounding the high school, so that said there is not two hour parking zones in the entire neighborhood either so the same situation doesn't apply to the rest of the neighborhood, but just the idea of a residential parking permit could be problematic if it's not thought out.

Chairman Osborne asked if they wouldn't be bringing that problem from Ash Street to another street.

Ms. Stanley responded if residential permits were issued I would imagine so, but if you are talking about a street that doesn't have parking limitations on it the question is, if the two hour parking limitations resolve some problems on Ash Street did they go anywhere else, and obviously I don't know the answer to that either.

Chairman Osborne asked if when she moved on Walnut Street that the parking was a real situation there before you moved there.

Ms. Stanley responded I did not, it was not something I paid attention to because we have a long driveway so we have off street parking on the house that we are renting, but there is a dormitory across the street and several multi-family homes that don't have enough parking off street.

Alderman Shea moved to table the item for more information. Alderman O'Neil duly seconded the motion. The motion carried with Chairman Osborne recorded in opposition.

Alderman Duval stated he appreciated the committee's consideration.

4. Request for parking permits in the Middle Street Parking Lot as follows:
 - a) Euclid A. Dupuis (1); and
 - b) Market Street Settlement Group (as many as allowed).

Alderman O'Neil moved for discussion. Alderman Long seconded the motion.

Alderman O'Neil stated if I recall we had referred future discussions about this to the new parking manager. The fact that she is just on board I doubt very much she has had a chance to review unless she has the status of the Middle Street Lot, how many spaces are available, how many permits we issued to date, etc. I know we moved the last time to try to help out or prevent some lease space across the street. I don't necessarily have a problem with one space but I do have a problem with as many as allowed.

Chairman Osborne stated I had a long discussion with the new parking manager so I was wondering about this situation it's like a Pandora's box. Anyway, this is what's happening, we have one request, as many as allowed. This could mean the rest of them. Like I told the new parking manager we have to think about other people in that area. There is smaller businesses and there is also smaller offices in that area where they don't have much for parking and they don't have need for a permit or leased space, it's just the idea of them wanting to have space for any clients or customers that they might have in the area around that parking lot, so it's really closing that whole area up. Outside of that I thought about a one tier or second tier garage on that lot, but actually it's too small. You can't do it unless you take the Franklin Street lot with it. Mainly it would have to be an underground situation or you could possibly with the other lot put a single or double, the big thing is the entrance and exit, but that's all I could think about and other than that I am opposed, I had to be opposed where I was for Mr. Gamache, I have known him, that's not the reason, his father mainly for a long time, but it's just to be fair with everybody in the area I believe in that, and I think in this situation here my feelings are I can't see doing this at all, I would have to call a moratorium or rescind what we did. I think we need to think more on this and give it to the parking manager to figure this thing out now that we have more people coming in all of a sudden, one meeting after this was all done we have it in our laps again

Alderman Roy moved to table this item not for the next meeting but two meetings from now, put it in the hands of our new parking manager and let her get her feet on the ground, let her come back to us with a proposal that may include how to best manage the parking in the Middle Street lot, what the charge is for the middle

street lot. My comment to what we did at our last meeting, was that it could be rescinded or changed when our new parking manager came on board and out new policies, new pricing new standards were set so I think we should give her the time to do the job she was hired for, not at the next meeting but she knows it's a priority for us for maybe the second meeting from now and come back to us with a full report focusing on the middle street lot and I'm sure she'll be focusing quite a bit on the Millyard.

Chairman Osborne stated as far as Mr. Gamache I went along with that vote as well, knowing that it was going to be a 30-day rescind we could rescind it within 30 days. I feel this way for Mr. Gamache, really it's not doing him any good one way or the other here, even by doing this playing with this for 30 days, one year whatever, it's not helping any leases that he can get in his property because they are still going to be skeptical of how much parking they are going to have and for how long. It's really not doing him a favor by doing what we did in the first place now that I think about it

Alderman Shea stated I will second the motion that Mr. Roy made.

Alderman Long stated we should find out how many available spots we have if there are available spots. With reference to an unlimited amount that's as many as allowed is out of the question, but this Mr. Dupuis that's a CPA on Market Street why can't we give him a spot under conditions also, we have already opened it up there is nobody on the list, I'd like to know how long the list has been going.

Ms. Stanley stated last month we issued 25 additional permits which have not been put up yet, there is no waiting list other than items a and b here. I can tell you that after being on the job for two days that once we give the additional passes there is not going to be enough capacity to handle the transient parking that is currently on that lot. Just in the last two days I have been in and out of the parking lot several times and there have been on each occasion several, maybe 3 or 4 open spaces in that lot at the meters. Which to me implies that if we put the 25 permit signs up we are going to have an issue, once we do that, for your consideration.

Alderman O'Neil stated one of the things I think we should ask Brandy to do is to look back at the existing leases, because I pull in there a lot during the day and there is not a lot of people so I don't know who has the permits, why they have them if they are not using them. There is a lot of the permitted parking is vacant there, so maybe as part of this whole discussion we need to revisit the prior actions as well because for the life of me I don't know why people took the permits and not use them.

Ms. Stanley stated if you issue 15 permits and reserve 15 spaces for permit parking you are always going to have open spaces. Industry standard says that anywhere from 15 to 30% of your issued permits are not going to be on the lot at your peak time which is why you are always going to see open parking spaces. One of my proposals was going to be that if we did indeed go through with the 25 we didn't need to actually take down 25 meters because we could factor in the oversold and we would probably only need to have a total of 32 permit spaces on that parking lot and still be able to accommodate the 15 that are existing and the 25 that were granted last month. Again that said, we are still probably going to have an issue with capacity because there are not that many open spaces in the lot right now.

Alderman Roy stated one of my concerns and why I would like to have the new parking manager look at this, the CPA, it lists his address as 20 Market St. 201, so he is now a resident of the building that we just granted, the 18 total spots to Mr. Gamache, so while I appreciate what we are trying to do for small businesses and land owners throughout the area I don't want us to make quick decisions based on, you know, unfortunate decisions. Mr. Gamache told us that he needed that to help lease it, this is now a tenant of his coming to us, there is considerable parking in 20 Market Street, their own parking lot, plus now the 18 spaces across the street in the Middle Lot, I would just ask that our new parking manager be allowed to do her job and I believe that if it takes 30 days to get her feet on the ground and give us a report that's adequate time to solve this problem that we have had for many, many years.

Chairman Osborne asked Ms. Stanley, where you came from where was it.

Ms. Stanley responded Richmond, Virginia.

Chairman Osborne asked when you were there did you have a lot of this type of requests for parking.

Ms. Stanley responded it's always a puzzle. Yes, as a matter of fact parking is very scarce in downtown Richmond, and while I wasn't necessarily with the City we did have control over most of the market and a lot of the office buildings did not have adequate parking on site so they had to go off site and often times they called us and it's always a puzzle trying to figure out who to put where and what the best priorities are.

Chairman Osborne asked did you ever find while you were there and you had this lease parking that the city did sell for a year or two, whatever they had, did you find these people that were requesting this type of a lease from the City had

property with quite a few parking spaces on it and the parking spaces they have on it they were leasing.

Ms. Stanley responded honestly not really, most of the time the property owners or the tenants that came to us it was because their own facilities were full. They tended to max out their own facilities before they went outside looking for others.

Chairman Osborne stated it's \$45 a piece and we, I know for a fact that the Hampshire Plaza up here are getting \$65 a spot, we are only getting \$45 a spot and if you were to leave meters there and they were pretty much full for the whole month we are talking \$100. So do you think that's a good idea of charging \$45 rather than \$65 or \$75 or especially being on a level like this where other garages you have to go up two or three tiers and no women like to do that. And you find that this is a good situation over here so actually we should be getting more than what we are getting, it's a real deal.

Ms. Stanley stated I certainly believe that you can charge a premium for that space because it is premium space. Whether or not the City's priorities are to gain the revenue or make the space available, that's not something that I would look to the Board of Aldermen for direction.

Chairman Osborne stated so overall, do you think we should keep this metered and unleased.

Ms. Stanley responded I think that there is a balance between metered and unleased.

Chairman Osborne stated with a small space here and when City Hall has to park five or six blocks away and pay \$65 and then we are leasing it out to somebody else for \$45.

Ms. Stanley stated I think there is a balance and I think that the higher rates are definitely there, whether or not it's something.

Chairman Osborne said that he was not looking to get the money, he was looking for common sense I guess you'd call it.

Alderman O'Neil stated I think Alderman Roy's recommendation was to give her a couple meetings to report back.

Chairman Osborne stated I understand I'm not trying to badger her, I think it's my prerogative.

Alderman O'Neil agreed but noted she obviously is two days on the job and is not going to have all the answers today.

Chairman Osborne stated, no I'm just asking her estimation she's been a parking manager apparently quite a while.

Ms. Stanley agreed.

Chairman Osborne stated so you must have run into this someplace else, I'm not talking about Manchester itself.

Ms. Stanley stated my experience has been that private enterprise and private operators will tend to raise the rates because it tends to adjust demand. If your parking rates go up, then less will want to park. My other experience has told me that municipalities tend to resist that and they don't want to raise the rates because they don't want the perception of gouging the public. So, as I said somewhere in there, there is a balance.

Chairman Osborne stated being a business person for 40 years I can see other pictures with it too. Where you can pick up a space like this for \$45, and then turn around and in your lease, you are leasing it out for \$75 so you are making money you are not losing money so there is different ways of looking at this I didn't just fall off the turnip wagon. But I'm just saying this is what you have to look into and I'd like to see you do it and I'm sure you can do it. I appreciate your time.

Alderman Roy moved to table the item for two meetings and have the parking manager return with a report. Alderman Shea seconded the motion. There being none opposed the motion carried.

5. Request of Gary Burns for the use of Arms Park on October 28 and 29, 2006 for the Granite Rock Music Festival.

Alderman Long moved to approve the request. Alderman Roy seconded the motion.

Alderman Roy stated in years past we have had issues with language that's unbecoming or not wanted in our City so Alderman Long's motion I believe includes that anything said must conform to FCC rules as they pertain to being able to be played on the radio which I believe will eliminate any swearing, or foul language or likewise, and that is the motion we are putting in front of the Committee this evening.

Alderman Long so concurred that to be part of the motion along with as he had spoken with Mr. Burns.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson advised that this would also be subject to meeting all licensing requirements of the City.

Alderman Long I spoke with Mr. Burns with reference to clean up, clean up within 1,000 yards of Arms Park, obviously we are not asking him to rake up leaves but if there is a can of soda or what have you kicking around then he assured me that he has enough students they would have no problem doing that so that would also be a condition.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Osborne called for a vote. There being none opposed the motion carried.

6. Continuing discussions relative to crime prevention recommendations.

The item was not addressed due to the recent events in the loss of a police officer and was deferred to the next meeting.

7. Chairman Osborne advises that the Traffic Division has submitted an agenda, which needs to be addressed .

Deputy City Clerk Johnson noted there was an addendum being presented as well.

CROSSWALKS:

On Clarke Street, east of Elm Street
On Elm Street, north and south of Clarke Street
On W. Clarke Street, west of Elm Street
Alderman Roy

STOP SIGNS:

On Hayes Avenue at Massabesic Street, NWC
On Old Falls Road at Massabesic Street, NWC
Alderman Osborne

On Alexander Drive at Medford Street, SWC
On Healion Street at Cranwell Drive, SEC
On Holt Avenue at Platts Avenue, NWC, NEC
On Kool Street at Alexander Drive, SEC

On Kool Street at Medford Street, NWC
On Medford Street at Cranwell Drive, SEC
On Medford Street at Kool Street, NEC, SEC
Alderman Pinard

NO RIGHT TURN ON RED:

On South Willow Street at South Maple Street, Northbound
Alderman Garrity

NO PARKING ANYTIME:

On Cedar Street, south side, from Wilson Street to a point 180 feet west
(Emergency Act)
On Cedar Street, north side, from Wilson Street to a point 95 feet westerly
(Emergency Act)
Alderman Osborne

On Broadway Avenue, east side, from Farmer Street to a point 50 feet southerly
(Emergency Act)
Alderman Pinard

On Bremer Street, north side, from Alsace Street to a point 50 feet westerly
Alderman Forest

RESCIND NO PARKING ANYTIME:

On Cedar Street, north side, from a point 70 feet west of Wilson Street to a point
25 feet west (ORD. 8364) (Emergency Act)
Alderman Osborne

ADDENDUM TO TRAFFIC AGENDA:

RESCIND – NO PARKING ANYTIME:

On Tarrytown Road, east side, from Lake Ave., to a point 265 feet north
(Ord.6188)
Alderman Osborne

NO PARKING ANYTIME:

On Tarrytown Road, east side, from Lake Ave., to Hanover Street
Alderman Osborne

NO PARKING ANYTIME:

On Beacon Street, west side, from Lake Ave., to Spruce Street
Alderman Osborne

NO THRU TRAFFIC: 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM/DURING SCHOOL HOURS

On Green Street south Back Street, from Beech Street to Union Street Westbound
Alderman Osborne

STOP SIGN:

On Granite Street at West Street, SWC
(Omission from Traffic Agenda on 9/26)

NO PARKING LOADIGN ZONE:

On Cartier Street, east side, from a point 30 feet south of Putnam Street to a point
30 feet southerly – Emergency Act
Alderman Thibault

RESCIND NO PARKING TOW ZONE (ANYTIME):

On Elm Street, west side, from W. Kidder Street to W. Bridge Street (Ord. 3002)
Alderman Long

TWO HOUR PARKING METERS:

On Elm Street, west side, from a point 20 feet south of Kidder Street to a point 84
feet southerly (4 spaces)
Alderman Long

NO PARKING ANYTIME:

On Elm Street, west side, from a point 104 feet south of Kidder Street to West
Bridge Street
Alderman Long

Alderman Roy moved to approve the agenda and addendum. Alderman Long duly
seconded the motion.

Alderman Roy stated I started having concerns as to value of this committee and
value of the aldermen as of late. I was driving through a neighborhood which I
grew up in and stop signs appeared in a matter of day and being on this committee
and knowing there was nothing approved it kind of shocked me. So I have eluded
to in the past, what is the use of Emergency Act, when does it apply, how does it
apply, does it meet a criteria, I'm not going to put you on the spot to answer all of
that tonight but would like for our next meeting one of our sections tonight is
Medford Street, Kool Street, all requested by Alderman Pinard and while I support
Alderman Pinard in his efforts within his ward I was shocked as a member of this
committee that the signs were up and I had heard nothing of it and growing up and
spending the better part of my life in that neighborhood it took me by surprise. So

I am going to formally ask you as a member of this committee if you could put together a one or two page synopsis of when an emergency act is needed, when does it need to come to committee, is there a criteria that needs to be met that avoids the committee process, and if so how often does that happen. It seems like we are putting up a lot of signs prior to it going through any review of the Committee, and I do have some concerns about that. This is just one that caught my eye I knew because I grew up on that street that I had never seen a stop sign approved by this Board in my three years of being here, and when I looked at my agenda come Friday it was there, without the emergency act language in our agenda so it just raises a quandary of questions that I had and you don't need to respond or if you go give us a bit that's fine but I'd like something how is the emergency act used is the big question I have.

Mr. Hoben stated from the last meeting I was going to respond and I had a request into Tom Arnold, to get the actual section of the authority of the public works director issues the emergency orders. He told me to hold off because he had a request a letter in from Deputy Simmons who also had a request and the Deputy City solicitor told me to hold off that he was going to respond.

Alderman Roy stated I don't mind who responds I'm directing it to you but if it needs to go to the City Solicitors office.

Solicitor Clark stated the Deputy was out today he is not feeling well. I know he has been working with both the police department, I know he has talked to Jim Hoben, and something will be coming forth to the committee.

Alderman Roy moved the agenda.

Chairman Osborne called for a vote on the motion to approve the Traffic Agenda and Addendum items. There being none opposed the motion carried.

Alderman Shea stated it has to do with the Neighborhood Enhancement Team, I just wanted to mention that they are doing an excellent job, they have seen probably over 48 different situations existing in our community in different neighborhoods. Matt Normand and the people working on that committee should be complimented. Later they can give us a full report, but obviously it is a committee that certainly as Alderman O'Neil brought out at the aldermanic meeting one of the most important committees and we still have to, and you Mr. Chairman mentioned at the meeting, that you called to the attention of Mr. LaFreniere that the person in charge or compliance officer, Gagne, needs help and the Mayor indicated that he would look into having another person on board and I'm hoping that we will get that person on board as soon as possible so that this

committee along with the enforcement officer or compliance officer can then continue their work because this is a valuable part of our community work.

Chairman Osborne agreed.

8. Discussion relative to the Mechanic Street parking plan.

Alderman Roy suggested this item be referred to the Parking Manager and ask that she work with the Highway Department and the Fire Department in order to come up with any improvements that can be made in downtown parking.

Alderman Roy moved to refer the item to the Parking Manager to work with the Fire and Highway Departments. Alderman O'Neil duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed the motion carried.

TABLED ITEMS

9. Discussion relating to coordination of services and utilities during storm events such as what occurred on February 10, 2006 as requested by Alderman O'Neil.
(Tabled 03/21/2006 pending report from Fire and Police Departments.)

10. Parking Study Recommendations.
(Tabled 04/18/2006 – previously forwarded under separate cover.)

11. **STOP SIGNS:**
On Lacourse Street at Rhode Island Avenue, NEC
On New York Street at Rhode Island Avenue, SWC
Alderman Duval
(Tabled 05/16/2006)

12. Discussion relative to building codes/ordinances plus infrastructure relating to health and safety issues as requested by Chairman Osborne.
(Tabled 08/01/2006 pending further information from the Building Department.)

13. Discussion relative to prohibiting trapping of animals in the City.
(*Tabled 09/26/2006*)

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Roy asked that Highway or Traffic, if we could get the standard of what a crosswalk within the City of Manchester should look like, width of lines, slash mark/no slash mark, if there are different traffic counts, what they should look like, since our discussion at our last meeting I looked at 18 different crosswalks and there were 18 different versions. If I could just find out what we are using as our standard for our next meeting that would be great.

Mr. Hoben indicated he had them with him.

Alderman Roy indicated he would look at them after the meeting.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee